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Let the planting begin!

All this Heat!!! - how did the previous generations cool their homes?

Our house has been so warm lately. We don't have an air conditioner. We cover the windows with heavy curtains to try to keep the heat out. It helps but it is so dark it feels like we are living in a cave.

This made me wonder how did others do it before air conditioners.

Here is what I found -

Homes had higher ceilings. We typically have 8' ceilings. Older homes have 10' to 14' ceilings. Hot air rises, therefore homes felt cooler. Ceiling fans helped to draw air up in the summer and could be adjusted in the winter to draw the heat down.

Homes made use of smaller windows over exterior doors. These windows could be opened to let hot air out and still maintain security in the home. Most homes had double hung windows as well. During the day , the top window would be open to let the heat out. At night the bottom window would be open to allow the cool breezes to flow inward.

Large shade trees and shrubs were generally planted on the south and west sides of a home, effectively blocking the sun during the hottest part of the day. External awnings over the windows worked as well.

Homes had porches which would provide shade on at least one side. Some porches were screened in and used for sleeping in the cool night air. Apartment dwellers might have slept on their fire escapes.

Consideration would have been given to what the roof was covered in. Reflective materials such as tin, copper or lead for metal roofing were noisy in a rain storm but effective in keeping excess heat from the home.

Of course there was always the fan — small electric ones or the hand held model you had to move yourself. An early version of the air conditioner could have been — simply put a fan in front of a pan of cracked or dry ice.

Other tricks people used to control their body temperatures -
- refrigerate or freeze bedsheets and/or pajamas during the day with the hope that the cool effect would last them long enough to fall asleep.
- hang wet clothing, bedsheets, and other fabrics in front of open windows or fans to provide a little extra cooling effect to the otherwise warm summer breezes.

Did you know?

And in 1902, a 25 yr old engineer from New York invented the first modern air-conditioning system. The mechanical unit, which sent air through water-cooled coils, was not aimed at human comfort. It was designed to control the humidity in the printing plant where he worked.

A company in New York City first offered installation of air conditioning for cars in **1933**. Most of the customers operated limousines and luxury cars. In **1939**, Packard became the first automobile manufacturer to offer an air conditioning unit in its cars.

1950s In the post-World War II economic boom, residential air conditioning becomes just another way to keep up with the Joneses. More than 1 million units are sold in 1953 alone.

1970s Window units lose cool points as central air comes along. The unit consist of a condenser, coils, and a fan.

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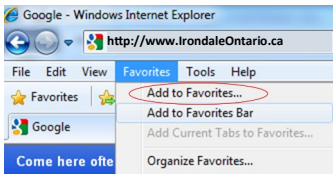

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MEMORIES from a friend:

My Dad was cleaning out my grandmother's house and he brought me an old Royal Crown Cola bottle. In the bottle top was a stopper with a bunch of holes in it. I knew immediately what it was, but my daughter had no idea. She thought they had tried to make it a salt shaker or something.
I knew it as the bottle that sat on the end of the ironing board to 'sprinkle' clothes with because we didn't have steam irons.
Man, I am old. How many of these do you remember?

⇒ Head lights dimmer switches on the floor.
⇒ Ignition switches on the dashboard.
⇒ Heaters mounted on the inside of the fire wall.
⇒ Real ice boxes.
⇒ Pant leg clips for bicycles without chain guards.
⇒ Soldering irons you heat on a gas burner.
⇒ Using hand signals for cars without turn signals.

…… quite contrary, How does your garden grow?

If you have been wondering—the garden on Elm Rd is flourishing. By the time you read this newsletter, the garden will be in great shape.

Our growing season isn't very long so the vegetables were given a head start - planted months ago in pots, replanted into bigger pots and now transplanted into the garden.

The produce will be harvested and used in various recipes — our jams, jellies, relishes etc. that are offered for sale at the craft sales we attend.

Tomatoes, rhubarb, beans, potatoes, zucchini are all growing strong.

Thank You
Wendy Idien for the rows of raspberry bushes.
Kurt Christianson & Linda Code for their green thumbs.

Condolences to the families of

Donald 'Don' Dyson
June 7, 2018

Daniel 'Danny' Simmer
June 13, 2018

Those we love, don't go away, they walk beside us every day, unseen, unheard, but always near, still loved, still missed and very dear.

Highlands East Studio Tour

Celebrating Our 16th Annual Studio Tour

Discover the artists and artisans of east Haliburton County.
The Friendly Tour takes place August 11 & 12 and August 18 & 19.
The various studios / galleries will be open each weekend from 10am to 5pm.

A quality studio tour of fine arts and crafts amidst the breathtaking scenery and the quaint communities of Irondale, Gooderham, Tory Hill, Wilberforce, Paudash and Harcourt. Step inside each studio to view the demonstrations and creative works of art inspired by the beautiful lakes and hills of Highlands East.

Irondale will host several local artisans inside the historical Irondale Church. Painting, woodworking, wire art, knitting, award winning quilts and more. Light Refreshments will be available on site.

Two memorable weekends
August 11 - 12 + August 18 - 19, 2018
in rural Ontario

WHO WAS SAM SLICK?

An engraving of Haliburton House, by W.H. Barlett, which appeared in Canadiana Scenery Illustrated 1842 showing how the house looked c. 1838

Next time you are in Windsor, Nova Scotia look for the Haliburton House or "Clifton" as it was originally called.

In 1842, it was the home of Judge Thomas Chandler Haliburton, author of the immensely popular Sam Slick stories.
At Haliburton House Museum, you can see the fine mahogany sloped-front writing desk used by the humourist himself. And, fitting for the home of the author of *The Clockmaker*, there are also examples of Nova Scotian clocks. The clockwork spit before the open fireplace in the basement kitchen, dating from the early 1800s, it's a clever mechanical device built to save time for the family's cook.

I'm sure you can borrow a copy of *The Clockmaker* thru our County Library system.

Did you know? Thomas Chandler Haliburton (17 Dec 1796 - 27 Aug 1865)
Haliburton was eager to promote immigration to the colonies of British North America. One of his first written works was an emigrant's guide to Nova Scotia published in 1823—*A General Description of Nova Scotia; Illustrated by a New and Correct Map.* The community of Haliburton, Nova Scotia was named after him. **In Ontario, Haliburton County is named after Haliburton in recognition of his work as the first chair of the Canadian Land and Emigration Company.**

The mention "hurly on the long pond on the ice", which appears in the second volume of *The Attaché, or Sam Slick in England*, a work of fiction published in 1844, has been interpreted by some as a reference to a hockey-like game he may have played during his years at King's College. It is the basis of Windsor's disputed claim to being the town that fathered hockey.

Thomas Haliburton was as popular as Mark Twain. The Sam Slick character made popular the sayings "it's raining cats and dogs," "quick as a wink," and "facts are stranger than fiction."

Fascinating story — Borrow the books from your local library or purchase used copy from many of the online stores.

Other Sam Slick sayings-

* an ounce of prevention is as good as a pound of cure
* Six of one, half dozen of another
* Barking up the wrong tree
* Won't take no for an answer
* You can't get blood from a stone
* Country is going to the dogs
* The early bird gets the worm
* It's like looking for a needle in a hay stack
* Never look a gift horse in the mouth
* a miss is as good as a mile
* mad as a hatter
* A brave man is sometimes a desperado: a bully is always a coward
* A suspicious parent makes an artful child
* Cheerfulness is health; the opposite, melancholy, is disease
* Death and taxes are inevitable
* Don't stand shivering upon the bank; plunge in at once and have it over
* If it were not for a goodly supply of rumors, half true and half false, what would the gossips do?

DO YOU REMEMBER DRIVE-INS?

Over 75 yrs ago, R. Hollingshead began experimenting with an old projector & a sheet between two trees. After a few kinks he opened the first drive-in theatre in 1933.

He meshed two of our passions – the auto and cinema. By 1946 there were over 100 drive-ins across the US, the mid-60s over 5000.

Most baby boomers smile (or is it blush) when asked of their fondest drive-in memory; smell of popcorn & exhaust - the crackle of tiny speakers - driving in your pyjamas - starlit sky beyond the silver screen and — fogged windows during intermission.

You can still find working Drive Ins.

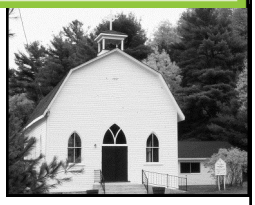
Gravenhurst has one. Adults $10 for double movies. www.muskokadrivein.com

Google says Barrie, Lindsay and Port Hope have operating drive ins as well.

ANNUAL Wild Game DINNER

Saturday July 21, 2018
at the Galway Community Centre
Galway Rd., south of Kinmount, off Cty Rd 121
Doors open at 5pm, Buffet at 6pm
Tickets ~ $20 per person
Call/Text 705-457-8438 or online at www.IrondaleOntario.ca

Painting the Church



There has been some talk about finishing the painting on the other two walls of the church — front and side closest to the garden were done in time for a wedding …. This story gave a chuckle.

There was a Scottish painter named Smokey MacGregor who was very interested in making a penny where he could. As it happened, he got away with this for some time. The local church decided to do a big restoration job on the outside of one of their biggest buildings. Smokey put in a bid, and, because his price was so low, he got the job.
So he set about erecting the scaffolding and setting up the planks, and buying the paint and, yes, I am sorry to say, thinning it down with turpentine …..

Well, Smokey was up on the scaffolding painting away, the job nearly completed, when suddenly there was a horrendous clap of thunder, the sky opened up, and the rain poured down—washing the thinned paint from the church. Smokey was knocked clear off the scaffold to land on the lawn among the gravestones, surrounded by the tell-tale puddles of the thinned and useless paint.

Smokey was no fool. He knew this was a judgement from the Almighty, so he got down on his knees and cried:
"Oh God, Oh God, forgive me; what should I do?"

And from the thunder, a mighty voice spoke. "Repaint! Repaint! And thin no more!"

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Keep Calm & Carry on the Recycling Story - -

"Milk bottle tops and 'silver' paper was collected when I was a child. During WW2, in Primary school (years 3-6) and we were encouraged to save all metal for the War Effort. The silver paper that was around cigarettes in a packet and the chocolate wrappers were saved and rolled into a big ball, and any aluminium or metal that could be spared. "I remember we had a matinee at the local cinema for all the school children in the area. The admission price was a piece of suitable metal. We all lined up to go into the theatre and the pile became bigger and bigger. By the time I got there it was higher than me. My mom gave me the lid from an aluminium saucepan, as that was the only metal she could find at the time. I don't remember what movie we saw, but your article brought back a memory of over 70 years ago."

I occasionally hear of people saving the tabs off soft drink cans for wheelchairs. I thought … is there was any truth in it. Apparently the answer is YES!

In Ontario, the March of Dimes Canada collects aluminum pop tabs year-round. The recycling of these tabs generates revenue that benefits their Assistive Devices Program. The program helps buy, repair and maintain a wide variety of mobility or assistive equipment including wheelchairs.

Why collect just the pop tabs? Why not the whole can? Pop Tabs are an easy way to recycle and help others. It is a task that people of all ages can do. The tabs are made of different quality aluminum than the cans and may be more easily recycled. They are smaller and cleaner than collecting cans. They are also easier for the Charities to handle when receiving large volumes. The amount of money received is determined by the weight of aluminum collected. These pop tabs can make a big impact when collected in numbers.

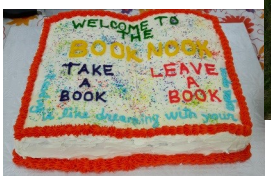
For more information - March of Dimes Canada Head Office, 10 Overlea Blvd., Toronto, ON M4H 1A4 1-800-263-3463

Interesting numbers—

1 pound of aluminum is sold for approximately 60¢ (current price) 1,267 pop tabs make 1 pound
some people like to link the tabs together 1 inch = 1 pop tab 1 foot = 12 pop tabs 1 mile = 63,360 pop tabs

Book Nook Open For Business - June 1 saw a small but very appreciative crowd gathered for the grand opening of the Book Nook on the Irondale Church property. A yummy lunch of sandwiches, veggies and cold drinks was served under a tent. The bugs were at a minimum.

The bookshelf below is in the shelter next to the garden. It is available night & day—seven days a week. As the sign in the shelter states " Borrow a Book, Trade A Book, Leave a Book. All is Free." Brenda Stahl made and decorated the lovely cake - 'reading is like dreaming with your eyes open'.



If you have books to donate, please call or text Linda at 905-442-1794.

Canada Day—July 1—Gooderham Kurt, Linda, Glenda, Fred & Clint were 'sweatin to the oldies' The band played great 'older' tunes. These five were cooking burgers, hot dogs & sausage from 4-10pm. It was still 32°Celsius at 8pm. Inside - George kept people intrigued with his historical stories; Brenda had young & old decorating their own cookie or cupcake; Carol sold a few Irondale souvenirs & stirred interest in the Irondale newsletter.

A very big Thank You to these guys & gals for keeping Irondale on the map.

Sorry George - didn't get a chance to take a picture of you with your visitors. Just this one when you finished setting up & were waiting for the throng to arrive. You did get to talk to a lot of people. Thanks Gooderham for the invitation!!!

~ Irondale Calendar of Events ~

Hang this page on your refrigerator or next to your calendar so you don't miss out!

2018	**Unless otherwise noted -** **Tickets available online at www.IrondaleOntario.ca or call/text 705-457-8438**
Sat. July 14	**Concert On The Lake & Dock Sale —** Fabulous music from the comfort of your own boat, canoe, paddleboard, etc. Great yard sale deals on the docks Check *www.sdlca.ca* for more details.
Sat. July 21	**Wild Game Dinner Event** The ever popular dinner is held at the Galway Community Centre. Doors open at 5pm. Buffet served at 6pm. All game served as bite size pieces, so you can sample it all. Remember your loonies for the after dinner excitement. $20 per person
Sat & Sun **July 28 & 29**	**Irondale's Ball Tournament** Teams vie for the coveted trophy and prizes. Great fun for the whole family. Registration info - centre@IrondaleOntario.ca, Chris James 705-447-2733
Sat Aug 4	**Salerno Devil's Lake Cottage Association AGM** , 10 am at the Irondale Community Centre. Check *www.sdlca.ca* for more details.
Sun Aug 5	**Salerno Devil's Lake Cottage Association's Canoe Race, BBQ and Children's Games** Check *www.sdlca.ca* for more details.
Sat & Sun **Aug 11 & 12** **Aug 18 & 19**	**Highlands East Studio Tour.** Two full weekends 10 am to 5 pm Visit Irondale's Historic Church to see the displayed work of our talented local artists. The items will be for sale. Artists will be on hand to answer questions and you may actually catch one or more of them creating. Refreshments available.
Sat. Aug 18	**Irondale Community Centre Dinner** **NEW DATE** Doors open 5pm Gooderham Community Centre Dinner served at 6pm, followed by the popular Loonie Auction. Tickets $20 each Call Barry Simmons at 705-447-2380 for tickets and more information
Sat. Sept 22	**Family Harvest Festival** Noon to 4pm Vendors, BBQ, Prizes, Games, Displays, Tours - all on the Irondale Church property. Free Admission
Sat. Nov 10	**A Dinner to Remember** Meal served 5pm at the Irondale Community Centre $20 pp. Menu will be using recipes from the WWI and WWII era.

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